

Amendments To The Claims

1-4. (Cancelled without prejudice)

5-11 (currently cancelled)

12. (currently amended – previously added) An apparatus for treating a fabric article comprising:

- a) a collapsible or expandable container that is made from a material that defines an interior void space having an open volume of between about 0.75 m³ and about 0.05 m³, and ~~further comprising~~ an opening;
 - b) ~~an ultrasonic nebulizer according to Claim 5 operatively associated with the container to maintain a relative humidity within the interior void space of the container;~~
 - c) ~~a heating element~~ an air circulation device operatively associated with the container to circulate at least a portion of air within the interior void space of the container;
 - d) ~~optionally, a vent and/or filter operatively associated with the air circulation device such that at least a portion of the air circulating the interior void space of the container is vented to exterior of the container; and~~
 - e) ~~an air circulation device~~ optionally, a filter being located in close proximity to the air circulating device or covering at least a portion of the air circulating device;
- ~~wherein the container can be collapsed to at least about 50% of its open volume.~~

13. (previously added) An apparatus according to Claim 12 wherein said air circulation device comprises a fan.

14. (new) An apparatus according to Claim 12 wherein said ultrasonic nebulizer comprising a housing, said housing being divided into at least two compartments by a membrane, said membrane comprising a flexible film, such that at least one compartment is liquid and vapor tight, said nebulizer further comprising a built-in heating means and at least one piezoelectric vibrating cell for ultrasonic wave generation located in said liquid and vapor tight compartment and encapsulated by a liquid or gel protective medium, a high-frequency generator for exciting said at least one piezoelectric vibrating cell, wherein said liquid or gel medium is heated by said built-in heating means to a temperature of at least 30°C.

15. (new) An apparatus according to Claim 14 wherein said liquid or gel medium encapsulating said at least one piezoelectric vibrating cell is a demineralized water-based medium.

16. (new) An apparatus according to Claim 14 wherein said membrane has a thickness of less than 200 μ m.
17. (new) An apparatus according to Claim 14 wherein said membrane has a thickness of about 10 μ m.
18. (new) An apparatus according to Claim 14 wherein said ultrasonic nebulizer has an output of at least 5g/min.
19. (new) An apparatus according to Claim 14 wherein said output is dry output, and the mist produced by the ultrasonic nebulizer is a non-wetting mist.
20. (new) An Apparatus according to Claim 12 wherein said container can be collapsed to at least about 50% of its open volume.